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In the Claims:

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the application.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A headset system, comprising:
- a headset for direct wireless communication of audio data with a communication terminal and including a first power supply unit;
 - a headset carrying device; and
- a charger for charging the first power supply unit from a second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device comprises the charger and the second power supply unit, and wherein the headset carrying device is separate from the communication terminal and is devoid of a holding member or chamber for holding the communication terminal.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the headset carrying device comprises a protective easing for the headset stowed therein.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the headset carrying device comprises attaching means for attaching to a user's body or clothes.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the headset carrying device comprises attaching means for mechanically attaching the headset carrying device to a vehicle, and for electrically attaching the charger of the headset carrying device to a power supply of the vehicle.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the first power supply unit is a re-chargeable battery.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the first power supply unit is a large-capacity capacitor.

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- 7. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the charger is a re-chargeable battery.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the charger is a large-capacity capacitor.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 7, wherein the charger is connectable to a vehicle battery for recharging of the charger.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the charger is a primary cell battery.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 1, wherein the first power supply unit is diminished to provide power for a short period of use of communicating audio data, converting between audio data and audio signals, and conveying audio signals, before re-charging is necessary.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 11, wherein the short period is in the range of about zero to two hours.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The headset system as recited in claim 11, wherein the short period is in the range of about thirty minutes to one hour.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A headset carrying device for carrying a headset when the headset is not in use, the device comprising:

an electrical charger and means for establishing electrical contact between the charger and a first power supply unit of a headset carried by the headset carrying device, the electrical charger being configured to charge the first power supply unit from a second power supply Attorney Docket No. 9342-38 Application Serial No. 10/531,223 Filed: April 13, 2005 Page 4

unit, wherein the headset carrying device includes the second power supply unit and is separate from a communication terminal and devoid of a holding member or chamber for holding the communication terminal to which the headset is communicatively connectable.

- 15. (Previously Presented) The headset carrying device as recited in claim 14, further comprising a protective casing for a headset stowed therein.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The headset carrying device as recited in claim 14, further comprising a casing for stowing a headset, wherein the casing is transformable into a desktop mode configured to position the device on a horizontal surface.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The headset carrying device as recited in claim 14, further comprising attaching means for attaching the headset carrying device to a user's body or clothes.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The headset carrying device as recited in claim 14, further comprising attaching means for mechanically attaching the headset carrying device to a vehicle, and for electrically attaching the charger of the headset carrying device to a power supply of said vehicle.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The headset carrying device as recited in claim 14, further comprising headset securing means for mechanically retaining a headset stored therein.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The headset carrying device as recited in claim 19, wherein the headset securing means is configured to maintain electrical contact between cooperating contacting means for the charger and the power supply unit.
 - 21. (New) A headset system, comprising:

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a headset for direct wireless communication of audio data with a communication terminal and including a first power supply unit;

a headset carrying device configured to hold at least a portion of the headset therein; and

a charger for charging the first power supply unit from a second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device comprises the charger and the second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device is separate from the communication terminal and is configured to carry substantially only the charger, the second poser supply unit, and the headset with the first power supply unit.

22. (New) A headset system of Claim 1, wherein the headset carrying device comprises a compact case sized and configured so that a boundary of the compact case substantially corresponds to a length and/or a width of the headset, the compact case having an elongated bore configured to receive a first portion of the headset therein and a lid pivotally hinged on the case and movable between an open and a closed position, the lid being configured to enclose a second portion of the headset when the lid is in the closed position.